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In re Application of:

Examiner: Brenda L. Coleman

Art Unit: 1624

Conf. No.: 8648

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Mail Stop: Amendment

Sir:

The undersigned attorney thanks the Examine for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview conducted today in this application.

In view of the allowed state of this application, the applicants wished to bring to the Examiner's attention recently published application US 2007/0021472.

Applicants' representative pointed out that this published application had the same specification as other references already cited to the Examiner in the IDS dated September 5, 2003, including US 6,376,515 and the cited published applications to Zhu. It was also noted that this new application asserted broad generic claims.

After preliminary evaluation of the matter and the issues raised, the Examiner recommended that applicants refile the present case with an IDS disclosing the newly published application so she can consider the document on the record.

Applicants' representative again thanks the Examiner for her time and consideration of this matter.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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